

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application    JOHANSSON, Arne  
of:

Group Art Unit: 3651

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Confirmation        4871  
No.

Date Filed:            05/21/2002

Examiner:            SHARMA, R. K.

For:            VEHICLE EXTENSION DEVICE

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**United States Patent and Trademark Office**  
**Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

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**PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.181(a)**

The following is in response to the Notice of Abandonment mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office (hereafter, "Office") on 01 February 2007 relating to the above-captioned application. The Notice indicates that the abandonment was the result of a failure to file a reply to the Office letter dated 19 June 2006.

However, our records indicate (and are confirmed by the PAIR system) that a response to the 19 June 2006 Notice of Appeal was timely filed on 19 January 2007 and received by the Office. Applicant concedes that only a four month extension was requested on form SB/22, however on page 10 of Applicant's "Amendment Filed with RCE" (also filed on 19 January 2007) Applicant did request any necessary extension of time and authorized the Office to charge any associated fees to the listed deposit account. Therefore, since Applicant did request the appropriate extension of time and authorized the Office to charge any necessary fees to the deposit account, the application should not have been held abandoned.

For your convenience, please find the following attached to this correspondence:

- 1)        a copy of our request for an extension of time authorizing any necessary fees to be charged to the deposit account
- 2)        the aforementioned pg. 10 of the "Amendment File with RCE"

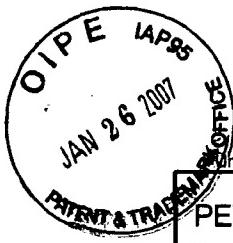
Since Applicants filed a RCE and amendments within the time period designated by 37 C.F.R. 136(a), Applicants respectfully request that the Office withdraw the holding of abandonment and resume prosecution of this application. Please contact the undersigned in the event that a telephone conference can resolve any remaining issues in this application or hasten its progression towards Examination and allowance.

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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Docket Number (Optional)  
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In re Application of Arne JOHANSSON	
Application Number 10/088,584	Filed 21 MAY 2002
For VEHICLE EXTENSION DEVICE	
Group Art Unit 3651	Examiner SHARMA, RASHMI

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows  
(check time period desired):

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- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$ \_\_\_\_\_.
- A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
- Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.
- The Commissioner has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 14-1437.  
I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

I am the  applicant/inventor

- assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.  
Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).
- attorney or agent of record.
- attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34(a).  
Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a) \_\_\_\_\_.

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Cartwright '982 has been cited as an example of a cardan shaft with circular cross section which Applicant does not dispute, but given the points made above regarding the deficiencies of LeMay et al. and Bratlie et al. with which the Office wishes to combine Cartwright '982, Cartwright '982 does not contribute to a viable § 103 combination, particularly in view of Applicant's new claims.

In summary, Applicant respectfully urges the allowance of the presently submitted claims as being supported in the original disclosure, including the accompanying drawings, and being new, novel and patentable in view of the art of record.

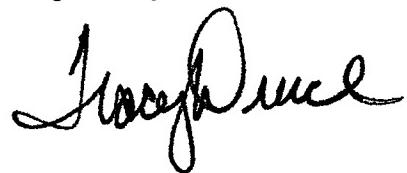
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The undersigned representative requests any extension of time that may be deemed necessary to further the prosecution of this application.

The undersigned representative authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 14-1437, referencing Attorney Docket No.: 7589.342PCUS00.

In order to facilitate the resolution of any issues or questions presented by this paper, the Examiner may directly contact the undersigned by phone to further the discussion.

Respectfully submitted,



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